



**ANNUAL
15-16
REPORT**

Downey City Library

Dedicated to growing with our community by bringing people and ideas together.



September 8, 2016

Mayor Alex Saab and Members of the Downey City Council
City of Downey
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, California 90241

Dear Mayor Saab, Members of the City Council, City Manager Livas, City Staff, Library Friends, Patrons, Volunteers and Supporters:

Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the many accomplishments of the Downey City Library this past fiscal year. We began the year by instituting our first-ever written plan of service, in which we outlined specific goals and metrics to accomplish during the ensuing twelve months. We managed to accomplish a substantial number of our goals and the remaining few “checkmarks” are waiting just around the corner.

Book Your Summer has had record-breaking attendance the last two summers, with maximum capacity crowds in our city theatre for family-friendly performances, wait lists for our workshops, and standing-room-only in the library for Mini Comic-Con. Library staffers and volunteers provided five storytimes a week, in addition to family story nights, game and craft nights, LEGO builders workshops, anime and storytelling workshops, movie screenings, resume writing, drivers license test-preparation and much more.

We have been working to bridge the digital divide in our community, with the City Council’s approval of a partnership that has brought 1-gigabyte speed internet to our library computer lab. Over the next fiscal year we will work with federal and state partners to roll out a 1-GB wifi network at the Library and at three virtual library sites around the City. In addition we will implement a grant to allow laptop loans in the coming months.

This past year, we have experimented with a new coffee cart, new seating arrangements, new (and hopefully more accessible) physical layouts of our collections. As we embark on Fiscal Year 2016-17, we look forward to a new patio addition at the north side of the building, the roll-out of the faster wifi network, and the introduction of downloadable audio books and e-magazines.

Thank you for ongoing support and feedback as we remain committed to growing with the Downey community by bringing PEOPLE and IDEAS together.

Sincerely,

Shannon DeLong
Assistant to the City Manager/Library Director



BOOK YOUR SUMMER

Summer Reading For All Ages



4,417 children and their families attended this year's special events.



A NEW BEGINNING **SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES**

Book Your Summer continues to respond and adapt to the needs of our community. While we offered the immensely popular performances that made last summer program so memorable, our offerings were diversified. For the first time, workshops were held that gave children an opportunity to create and build, rather than just watch. Children ages 5 to 12 had a chance to explore puppetry, flex their engineering muscles with Legos and explore the principles of electricity through hands on experiments. Teens practiced New Zealand Poi dancing and dyed straw art, popotillo, from Mexico. These STEAM skills support learning in the classroom and innovation in life.



MINI COMIC-CON

Comic Fans Assemble



2,250 comic book fans attended the Library's Second Annual Mini Comic-Con.



CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES SHATTERING RECORDS

For a second year in a row, Mini Comic-con has brought in more people than any other event in the history of the library. Shattering last year's attendance by 20%, the library greeted 2,250 comic fans, presenting a full day of activities for all ages, including artists and vendors, crafts, food trucks a game truck and more. Mini Comic-con is much more than just a pleasant diversion for the day, is is a chance for fans to celebrate and participate in a unique art and literary form that has changed the landscape of pop culture the world over.



FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

Dedication to the Community

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

Financial support from the Friends has long reaching and lasting effects. Whether through the proceeds of their bookstore, money raised from the November Marketplace or the donation of Disneyland tickets for a lucky Summer Reading Program child or good old fashioned outreach. Our Friends are truly there for us.

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT GIVING BACK IN SO MANY WAYS

Our network of volunteers is a vital link to our community, providing both direct services and behind the scenes manpower to push our offerings further. This year, volunteers aged 16 to 91 have taught adults how to read, prepared bestselling books for our patrons and assisted children with crafts and activities.

FY 15-16 CONTRIBUTIONS

Library Programs and Materials

Adult Programs	1,080
Book Club	185
Kids' Day	250
Miscellaneous	2,775
Poster Printer Supplies	325
Story Times	1,150
Staff Development	570
Summer Reading Program	16,335
Teen Programs	460
Volunteer & Donor Recognition	2,470
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	\$ 25,600

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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A Quick Look

Facts and Statistics



42,221
HOURS OF FREE
COMPUTER USE



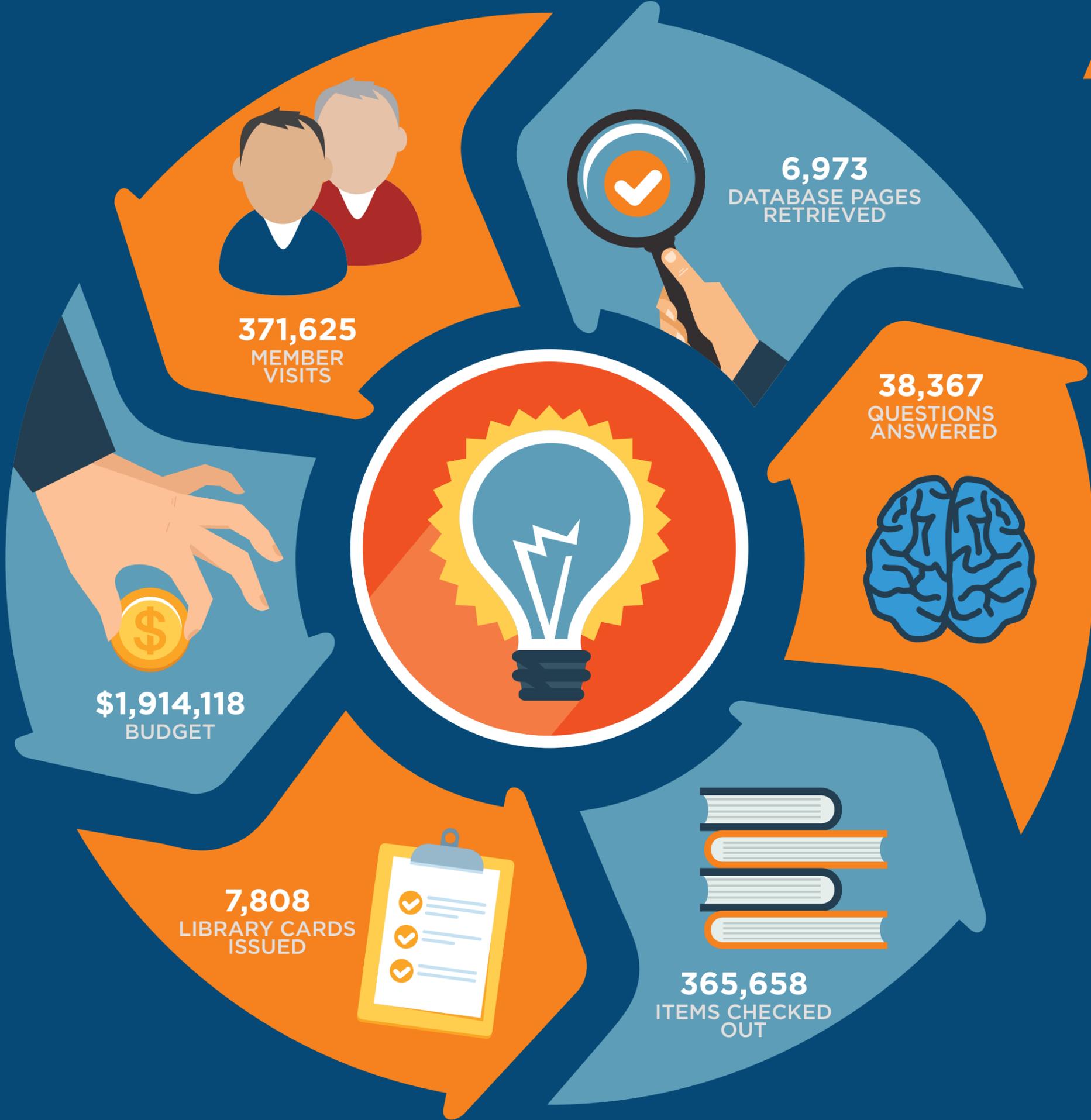
4,858
E-BOOKS
CHECKED OUT



11,121
PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE



72,555
LIBRARY CARD
HOLDERS



WHAT'S THAT SOUND? A BUSY AND NOT-SO-QUIET PLACE

With an average of 1,270 patrons visiting the Library, and over 1,250 items being checked out daily, the Downey City Library is a busy and, at times, not-so-quiet place.



A SMART INVESTMENT

Turning Dollars into Value

TURNING DOLLARS INTO VALUE AN INCREDIBLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The Downey City Library provides a plethora of services to Downey residents that can't be found anywhere else within the City. Because these services are provided with little, or no, direct cost to our patrons it can be difficult to quantify the value of such services. However, when you consider the number of items that were borrowed, not bought; the time spent providing one-to-one assistance with computers or information retrieval; the number of family friendly events hosted, it quickly becomes apparent that the Library provides a tremendous value to the community. With an over 500% return on investment, the Downey City Library is an excellent investment for the City, and a gem in the community.

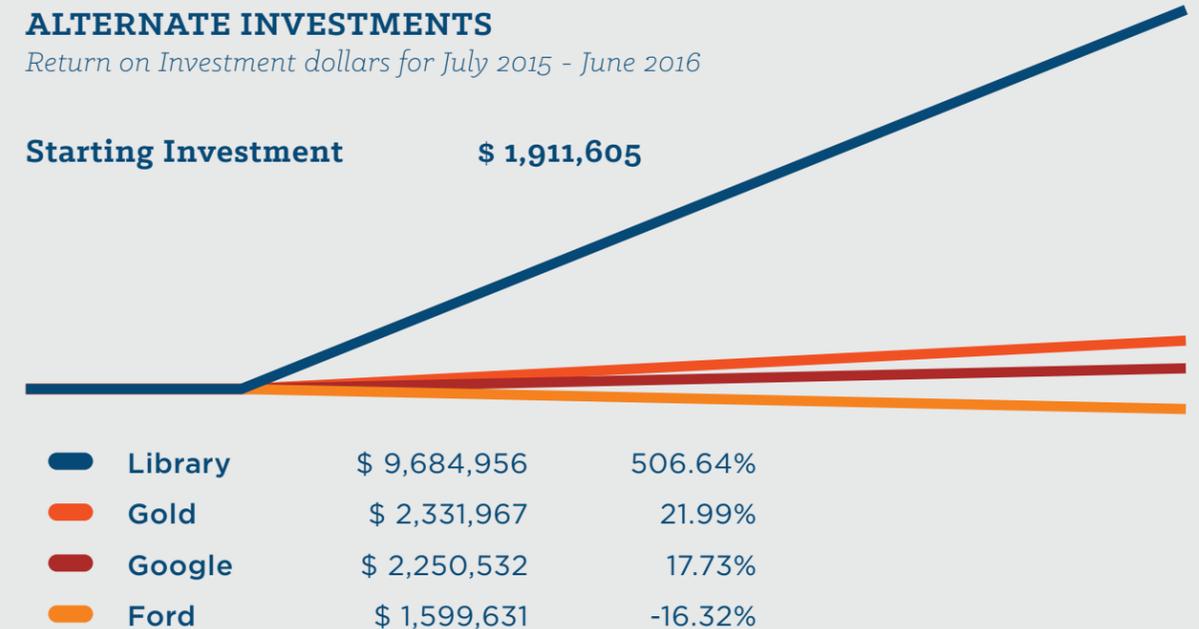


The investment of \$1,911,605 in the Library provided Downey residents with \$9,684,956 in materials and services - a 506.64 percent return on investment.

ALTERNATE INVESTMENTS

Return on Investment dollars for July 2015 - June 2016

Starting Investment \$ 1,911,605





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